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**Written Testimony of  
Sharon M. Palmer, Commissioner  
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Labor and Public Employees Committee  
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Good Afternoon Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 858 AAC Employees Who Customarily and Regularly Receive Gratuities and the Minimum Fair Wage**. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

It is my understanding that the proponents of this bill have substitute language that they intend to introduce. Therefore, until the Department has had an opportunity to review the new language, I am unable to support or oppose this proposed bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.